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RE: CPP Update, Housing Chapter

## Paul and Lisa:

The Housing Development Consortium (HDC) is a coalition of 101 members representing nonprofit affordable housing organizations, private businesses and public sector partners with a mission to ensure there is an adequate supply of affordable housing in King County.

One of our focuses is helping King County cities employ the range of land-use tools and resource policies necessary to meet their affordable housing growth targets. We look to county, regional and state planning policies as the guide to ensure cities address housing affordability in their growth planning and implementation strategies.

In an initial review of the Interjurisdictional Team (IJT) draft Housing chapter, HDC is pleased with the outlined elements of supply and needs assessment, housing-job fit in setting targets, policy tools and monitoring progress. However, it appears that substantial material is referred to in the "technical appendix", which was not included in the drafts and which may be more appropriately located in the chapter text. We hope to see the appendix material early in the public comment period so we have ample time to collect feedback from our membership.

Given that our region was awarded a HUD Sustainable Communities Planning grant through PSRC, the correlation between the development patterns, housing, transportation, and environment chapters in the CPP update are very timely.

We appreciate the IJT's attention to affordability in the Housing chapter and look forward to the public process in February 2011.

Sincerely

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